

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

During a telephone discussion with Ms. Devina Butler on November 3, 2003, applicant's undersigned representative was instructed to ignore the drawing objection included in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Ms. Butler noted that the claim designation "(Previously Amended)" appearing in the September 15, 2003 Amendment should read "(Previously Presented)."

This response is timely filed. Please proceed to process the Amendment filed September 15, 2003 and with the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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